

GERMANS OPEN BIG OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT

Paris Announces Foe Is Attacking Along Entire Line From Vosges to Sea.

Terrific Bombardments and Violent Infantry Attacks Made Upon British, French and Belgian Positions—Souchez Again Storm Centre.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—A general offensive all along the line of the western battle front has been announced by the Germans, it is announced in an official communique issued by the French War Office today.

The fighting is particularly violent south of Souchez in Artois, where the French positions were bombarded with extreme violence. Attempts of the Germans to leave their trenches to deliver an infantry attack with the bayonet were repulsed, the War Office says.

Among artillery and infantry attacks being launched by the Germans against the Belgian, British and French positions.

The general offensive in the West has developed from two local movements, directed against the Belgian positions on Verdun in the Argonne forest.

TERRIFIC SHELLING. "Terrific artillery fire is being directed against the Allies' trenches all along the line. Redoubts, blockhouses, cities, observation posts, wire entanglements and, in fact, every obstruction that might give shelter is being shelled by the German guns."

Results are being delivered by the Teutonic forces all the way from the North Sea to lower Alsace.

Before the regular daily communique was issued the French War Office gave out a statement denying claims of victory made by the German General Staff. According to this statement all German attacks in the Argonne up to August 7 were repulsed with heavy losses except at one point where a portion of a trench was lost.

The statement declares that the number of prisoners claimed by the Germans is three times the authentic number. Denial is also made of German claims in the Vosges, and it is stated that no French airplanes were shot down there by the Germans as asserted in Berlin.

The text of the official communique follows: "In Artois there was activity during the night in the sector to the north of the Souchez station was repulsed. In the sector of Neuville St. Vaast, to the east of the Lillie highway, the Germans, after having exploded a mine, immediately bombarded our positions and attempted to sortie from their trenches."

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BUSINESS MEN'S LIST IS CUT BY REFUSALS TO RUN FOR MAYOR

Four of the Fourteen Recommended as Strong Candidates Declare They Are Not in the Race—Norris Emphatic in Withdrawal

NAMED FOR MAYORALTY BY BUSINESS MEN

EDWIN S. STUART WILLIAM POTTER DIMMER DEEBER JOHN W. WINDRIM BRIDMAN WYAMAKER LOUIS J. ROBINSON SHELTON FAY THEODORE LEWIS GEORGE W. NORRIS J. HOWELL CUMMINGS LESTER RICE CHARLES K. CALDWELL GEORGE WHARTON PEPPEL JOHN FREDERICK LEWIS

Four of the 14 men recommended to the various parties by a committee of business men as worthy of first consideration for nominations for Mayor declared themselves out of the race today, and thus narrowed the list to include not more than 10 names. Of these 10 at least one, George Wharton Pepper, is advised to consider the question of running for the office, and so expressed himself recently in a statement to the Evening Ledger.

The most emphatic of those who expressed themselves today was George W. Norris, who recently resigned as Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries.

Under no circumstances would I accept a nomination from any party, organization or individuals," he said.

COMPTROLLER DOWNEY NAMED JUDGE OF COURT OF CLAIMS

Appointed to Post Declined by A. Mitchell Palmer.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—George E. Downey, Comptroller of the Treasury, was today appointed to the Court of Claims bench. He was named in place of A. Mitchell Palmer, who resigned.

MARINES RUSHED TO QUELL REVOLT IN HAITIAN TOWN

New Outbreak at St. Marc, 50 Miles From Port au Prince, Now Raging.

Soldiers of Guillaume Government Attack and Pillage City—Residents Show Defiance, Drive Off Rebels, Who Return, Reinforced.

What Christopher Columbus Wrote of Blood-stained Haiti

"There is not in the world a better nation. The people here their neighbors as themselves and their discourses are ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied with a smile. Though it is true they are naked, yet their manners are most praiseworthy."—From Columbus' report of his visit to Haiti.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Aug. 9.—American marines have been sent to St. Marc, 50 miles northwest of Port au Prince, to quell a conflict there between the inhabitants and soldiers of the Guillaume Government.

There was severe fighting at St. Marc Sunday, when the soldiers attempted to pillage the town. They were driven back, but received reinforcements and returned to the attack.

The American forces have been ordered to disarm the contending parties. The gunboat Nord Alexis, which has been used as a presidential yacht, came into port Sunday and was seized by the American forces.

BOBO, HAITIAN REBEL, ORDERS DISARMAMENT

Revolutionist Leader Also Announces Candidacy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Dr. Rasvalvo Bobo, former Haitian revolutionist, has given up his rebellion, ordered his generals to disarm and announced himself as candidate for President, Charge Davis, at Port au Prince, reported to the State Department today.

The election of a new president of Haiti, however, will not take place until the factional leaders have had opportunity to decide on a compromise candidate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT ATTACKS RIGGS BANK

Accuses Officials of Sending "Grossly Libelous" Statements to Secretary McAdoo.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Interest in the famous Riggs Bank case was revived here today. It became known that the Treasury Department was sending to bankers throughout the country, under Government frank, a document attacking the bank's case.

FORMER PHILADELPHIAN ARRESTED BY CARRANZA

H. W. Francis Reported to Have Declined "First Chief."

H. W. Francis, former Philadelphia newspaperman, has been arrested by the Carranzistas in Vera Cruz, for failure to carry his news dispatches to suit Carranza, according to unofficial advices received by the State Department in Washington today. Francis is in Mexico as a newspaper correspondent.

Secretary Lansing has wired Consul Sullivan at Vera Cruz, for a report on the Francis case.

MAY RULE NEW POLISH KINGDOM



Prince Joachim, sixth son of the Kaiser, who is to have Polish crown, reports from Switzerland say.

TURK BATTLESHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO IN MARMORA SEA

British Submarine Sends the Keyr-Ed-Barbarossa Down. Many of Crew Saved.

ALLIES' RAIDER SLIPS PAST FORTS OF DARDANELLES—DESTROYED SHIP WAS PURCHASED BY TURKEY FROM GERMANY IN 1910.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 9.—The Turkish battleship Keyr-Ed-Barbarossa has been sunk by a submarine, it was officially announced today.

The Keyr-Ed-Barbarossa was formerly the German ship Kurfurt Friedrich Wilhelm. The warship was built in Stettin, Germany, being completed in 1911. She was bought by the Turkish Government in 1910 at the same time that the Torqut Reis also was purchased from Germany.

The warship was sunk in the Sea of Marmora by a British submarine, which had penetrated the Dardanelles. A majority of the crew of 579 were rescued.

The Keyr-Ed-Barbarossa was a vessel of 9500 tons. Her armament consisted of four 11-inch guns in turrets fore and aft; two 11-inch guns in turrets amidships; eight 4.1-inch guns; eight 3-inch guns; twelve one-pounders and two 18-inch torpedo tubes.

She carried a crew of 579 men.

COURTS WILL SETTLE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF JITNEY ORDINANCE

Drivers, Still in Doubt as to Director Porter's Action, Are Determined to Fight Hostile Legislation to End.

A legal battle is promised to test the constitutionality of the city's anti-jitney ordinance, in the event that Director of Public Safety Porter decides to enforce the ordinance.

Director Porter met a committee representing the United Jitney Men's Association in his office at noon today. He refused to say what action he intended to take in regard to the enforcement of the ordinance until the conference was over.

The jitney men believe that there is going to be little trouble, eventually, in having the destructive ordinance changed so that jitneys may run. And for this reason several of them propose to continue to operate their cars while fighting for their "rights" and testing the constitutionality of the ordinance.

Mr. Wiener was informed by the police Saturday that he would be notified today.

TEUTONS SPLIT CZAR'S ARMY IN SOUTH POLAND

Wedge Drives Gap in Slav Force on Vievprz. Germans Near Kovno.

AUSTRO-GERMANS OCCUPY PRAGA, WARSAW SUBURB—GALLWITZ'S COLUMN ONLY 10 MILES FROM WARSAW—PETROGRAD RAILWAY IN NORTH.

VIENNA, Aug. 9.—Austro-German troops have pierced the Russian front on the Vievprz River north of Lublin, and the Slav troops, divided and retreating, are threatened with disaster by the great gap in the line.

News of the splitting of the Russian forces arrived here in a brief official dispatch from Austrian headquarters today. It stated that the Teutonic troops were pressing forward in the gap that had been opened, while on both flanks the pursuing forces were inflicting heavy losses on the Russians.

The following communication was issued last night: "The army of the Archduke Joseph Ferdinand, in the district between the Vistula and the Vievprz, yesterday prosecuted its attack. Our attacking force repulsed the enemy from several lines west of the Vievprz and occupied in the afternoon Lublinow and advanced northward to the head of the river. The repulsed enemy fled in disorder across the Vievprz."

"South and southwest of Mielchew our troops gained a full success. In order to meet our attack, the German army victoriously advancing from the north attacked. Hand-to-hand fighting developed, and the enemy, caught on the front and flank, was driven across the Vievprz. The number of prisoners taken at Lublinow and Mielchew up to yesterday evening aggregated 23 officers and 6000 men and booty consisting of two cannon, 11 machine guns and two munition cars."

"Threatened by our troops, who are victoriously advancing from the south toward the lower Vievprz, the Russian corps which remained in the Vistula district northwest of Ivanograd, began to retreat northwestward early this morning, pursued by the Austro-Hungarian forces."

"Between the Vievprz and the Bug fighting is proceeding. "In East Galicia the situation is unchanged."

GERMANS OCCUPY PRAGA; NEAR PETROGRAD RAILROAD

Gallwitz, With 300,000 Men, Attacks Slav Avenue of Escape.

BERLIN, Aug. 9.—German troops have crossed the Vistula and occupied Praga, eastern suburb of Warsaw, the Russians falling back to escape capture by the German army.

Before occupying Praga German artillery is proceeding.

IMPORTANT ALTURE PRESE DAGLI ALPINI

Le Forze Italiane Aggirano i Forti Che Sbarrano la Strada del Tonale.

Il comunicato ufficiale pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra Italiano dice che le truppe Alpine e l'artiglieria italiana si sono impadronite con felici assalti notturni di importanti posizioni austriache nella regione del Passo di Tonale. Da queste nuove posizioni, nelle quali quasi tutti le vici di monte sono munizioni, essi possono minacciare alle spalle le opere fortificate di Strino, che sbarrano la strada del Tonale e la bella Val di Sole.

Disposizioni delle forze italiane nel settore dell'Innozenz e specialmente contro la fortezza di Gorizia. Questa città è stata gravissimamente danneggiata dai cannoni italiani e la sua popolazione di 10,000 abitanti è in un quarto di quello che era all'inizio della guerra. La fortezza è però tutta circondata dagli italiani, la cui artiglieria domina ora, dopo l'occupazione di Monte San Michele, tutta la vici di accesso alla città, cosicché la guarnigione non può avere rifornimenti né munizioni né viveri.

Il giornale socialista di Trieste, copia del quale sono giunte a Torino, stampa che 125 deputati al Parlamento austriaco, dei quali 41 nomi, sono stati messi in prigione dalle autorità austriache, che temono la loro diserzione alla causa degli Albeurgo. Si tratta di 29 deputati del partito socialista, 30 italiani, 30 rumeni, 33 serbi e 4 ebrei. Questi deputati sono stati deportati a lontane regioni ed ivi messi in prigione.

(Leggere in 4.ª pagina le ultime e più dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in italiano.)

The Kenningtonian Says: Sam Chise, the 257-pound sporting promoter, caught a 7-ounce minnow at Croydon last Saturday.

LOST AND FOUND WHAT DID YOU LOSE? WHAT DID YOU FIND? All lost articles advertised in the Ledger will be listed in a permanent file at Ledger Central, where the owner can locate the owner at any time if you have found an article that has not been advertised in the Ledger will also record your name and address, and will be glad to give the right owner, who will be placed in touch with you. This free service is at Ledger Central, 111 Chestnut St.

QUICK NEWS

SLAVS RETAKE MITAU IS REPORT PETROGRAD, Aug. 9.—Unofficial reports reached here this afternoon that the Russians have driven the Germans back in the Courland and have recaptured Mitau. The War Office had no information to make public.

VILLA'S FORCES Routed AT DURANGO WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Villa's forces in Durango have suffered a severe defeat and are retreating toward Torreon, according to advices reaching the State Department today. The occupation of Durango by Carranzistas is declared to be imminent.

PRINCE JOACHIM TO GET POLISH CROWN LUGANO, Switzerland, Aug. 9.—In the Russian province of Kovno, the Germans are distributing pamphlets announcing that a new independent kingdom will be formed out of captured Russian territory with Warsaw the probable capital. Prince Joachim, sixth son of the Kaiser, is to rule the new kingdom, the pamphlet says.

DAVID ABERNETHY HEADS AUGUST GRAND JURY The Grand Jury for the August term of Quarter Sessions Court was sworn in today before Judge Shoemaker, and David Abernethy, of 3215 Kearsdale street, was named as foreman.

BAVARIANS TO FIGHT TILL "HAPPY END," KING DECLARES MUNICH, Aug. 9.—Speaking from the balcony of his palace during a celebration of the fall of Warsaw today, King Ludwig concluded as follows: "The entire nation must continue to hold out until the happy end."

KESER WILL BE BURIED TOMORROW Complete arrangements for the funeral of Harry J. Keser, a Lusitania victim, whose body arrived in this city today, have not been made, although it is said the funeral will be held tomorrow. The body is at the undertaking establishment of Kirk & Nice, Germantown. Mr. Keser, who was formerly cashier of the Philadelphia National Bank, perished with his wife when a submarine sunk the Lusitania. Mr. Keser's body was washed upon the coast of Kerry and brought to New York on the steamer St. Paul, arriving yesterday.

GERMAN LOSSES PLACED AT 2,178,683 LONDON, Aug. 9.—German losses to date total 2,178,683, according to the Berne correspondent of the Morning Post. The latest casualty lists give the total of Prussian losses at 1,641,569, and of losses for the Bavarian, Saxon and Wurttemberg troops, 537,114.

15,656 BRITISH OFFICERS LOST IN WAR LONDON, Aug. 9.—Officers' casualty lists show that the British army had lost 15,656 officers up to July 30, of whom 4175 are recorded dead, 5265 wounded and 1175 missing. During the last 10 days of that period regiments operating in the Dardanelles have again been the greatest sufferers, the Australians having 9 killed and 25 wounded; the King's Own Scottish Borderers, 3 killed, 4 wounded and 7 missing; the Highland Light Infantry, 15 killed and 13 wounded; the Cameronians, 2 killed and 6 wounded, and Royal Scots, 9 killed and 7 wounded.

RUSSIAN MINISTER'S LIFE ATTEMPTED LONDON, Aug. 9.—An attempt to assassinate M. Neratoff, Assistant Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, is related by Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd. M. Neratoff's assistant, a former official of the department, rushed into the Assistant Minister's room, brandishing an axe. When this weapon was wrested from him he drew a revolver, but was overpowered by attendants before he was able to fire.

AUSTRIAN AIR ATTACK WRECKS BELGRADE STATION BERLIN, Aug. 9.—The Overseas News Agency makes this announcement: "The central railway station at Belgrade was reduced to ashes by the latest attack of Austrian aviators. Shipyards and barns also were fired."

PRISONERS TO BE EXCHANGED ACROSS THE BALTIC LONDON, Aug. 9.—Arrangements have been completed for beginning, Thursday, the exchange of incapacitated Russian and German prisoners of war. A steamer has been chartered to carry the men across the Baltic. The exchange of Austrian and Russian prisoners will begin next month.

CZAR CONCEDES RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH TO DUMA PETROGRAD, Aug. 9.—Russia is every day putting herself in better shape for beginning the war over again and carrying it to a successful conclusion. The Government has conceded the right of free speech to members of the Duma, and has allowed leaders of industry to take part in the reorganization which is required to produce what the army needs. Now the Ministers are urged to go a step further—to fan the patriotic spirit of the workmen by releasing them from certain restrictions which hitherto have been in force and by associating them with the great national task of regeneration.

HYPNOTISM EMPLOYED TO CURE GERMAN SOLDIERS HAGUE, Aug. 9.—Hypnotism and suggestion are being used to cure German soldiers of paralysis, convulsions, loss of speech and loss of hearing. "Professor Nonne, of Hamburg, has worked miracles," says the Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift, "curing with surprising suddenness many men whose cases were given up as hopeless. Professor Nonne is especially proud of one case. A soldier had been blind for months and also lost the use of his limbs. Professor Nonne cured him in three treatments. He restored his sight and the use of his limbs. The man, who had been declared unfit for any work, now has resumed his trade."

KAISER GIVES THANKS FOR CAPTURE OF WARSAW LONDON, Aug. 9.—Replying to congratulations from the King of Wurttemberg on the fall of Warsaw, Emperor William, according to a dispatch received here, telegraphed the following: "Many hearty thanks for your congratulations. We can see in the fall of Warsaw a significant step on the road upon which the Almighty by His grace has led us hitherto. Relying on Him our glorious troops will continue to fight to an honorable peace."

BRITISH TRICK SEEN IN NIGHT CHANNEL TRIPS BERLIN, Aug. 9.—The Overseas News Agency sends out the following: "The Lokal Anzeiger prints a letter, dated Hoboken, Belgium, July 14, saying that while the Dutch steamship Rotterdam was detained by the British Admiralty in June, she was compelled on several occasions to make trips at night between Dover and Calais. This was done, apparently, in the hope that she would be mistaken for a British troopship and torpedoed by a German submarine."

GERMAN CROPS DAMAGED BY DROUGHT LONDON, Aug. 9.—The Daily Mail quotes an unnamed neutral observer, who has just arrived from Germany, as saying that Germany's hope for a second harvest is doomed to disappointment in consequence of a severe drought during May and June. Notwithstanding the fact that an area of unprecedented size was planted to grain the crop will be considerably less than that of 1914. Other potatoes are unusually abundant.

LINER CHASED TO NEW YORK, PASSENGERS SAY NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Early rising passengers on the Red Star liner Bismarck declared yesterday when the vessel docked that she had been pursued by a submarine course from dawn until she had passed Fire Island. It was reported that a wireless message had been received by Captain Bismarck, saying that the possibility of the proximity of German submarines had caused the vessel to be chased to New York. The skipper and his officers called the reports unfounded, and declared that the vessel's course had not been varied.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—generally fair today; thunderstorms probable.

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